Moral Injury for Caregivers: The Role of Community in Moral Repair

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The Role of Community in Moral Injury

- Moral injury involves a violation of a socially defined moral contract or covenant
- Community (family, church, military organizations, nation) establishes shared moral standards
- Example: consider what the rate of moral injury might have been in the German Wehrmacht during WWII, even those who participated in extermination camps

The Role of Community in Moral Repair

- Moral Repair requires reconstruction of damaged moral covenants and trust
- Community leaders (in family, church, military organizations, nation) are responsible for social justice as an adjunct to moral repair
- Moral authorities may have unique abilities to forgive or encourage forgiveness

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